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San Francisco Wholesale Markets
USDA FOOD BULLETIN
From Federal-State Market News Service
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DAIRY & POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter in retail stores over last weekend were not evenly distributed. Most chain stores were moderately supplied, but many other retail outlets had no stocks.

Eggs - Distributors report a very firm market on top quality eggs with receipts not sufficient for the demand. Storage eggs are being moved as rapidly as possible while prices are at the high point of the season. An insufficient number of candlers is still hampering operations.

Poultry - Liberal receipts of live poultry were reported, but good demand for most classes of dressed poultry resulted in distributors clearing their stock of top quality birds.

MEAT

Beef - Steer beef made up a rather large percentage of the available beef offerings, while cow beef consisted of much lighter volume. A fairly strong demand was evident.

Lamb - The slaughter of lamb was fairly liberal with all cuts finding a ready clearance.

Pork - The volume of pork cuts continued very scant for the broad demand.

FRUIT & VEGETABLE

Small size oranges and persimmons are the best fresh fruit buys this week. All varieties of melons are nearly off the market. Grapes are in lighter supply and higher. Pears are quite plentiful. Apples are in light to moderate supply and selling at ceiling.

Potatoes and soft squash are the best buys of the fresh vegetables this week. Hard squash is in moderate supply. Pumpkins are lower. Green peppers are a little higher and the quality is not quite as good as it has been. There are quite a few tomatoes available at lower prices, but the quality is not too good. Sweet potatoes and onions are higher due to a change in ceiling. Lettuce, cauliflower and cabbage are in moderate supply. Snap beans are lower and a little more plentiful.

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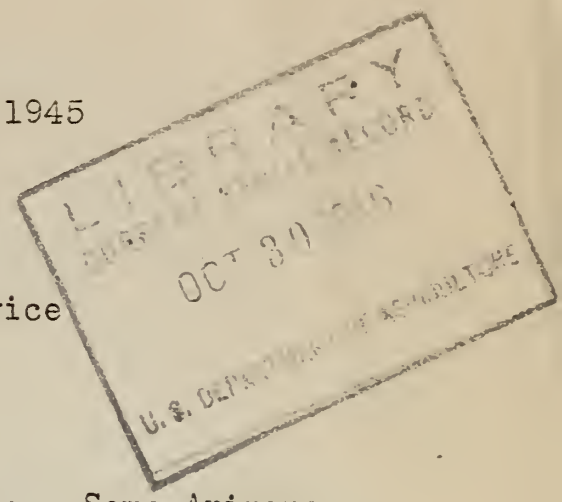

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Small size oranges continue to be the best buy in fresh fruits. Some Arizona grapefruit is available at ceiling. The avocado supply is a little heavier and the price slightly lower. Pears and apples are in moderate supply and selling at ceiling. Pomegranates are in moderate supply and of ordinary quality. Persimmons are in liberal supply and lower. Grapes are in moderate supply, but the quality is not too good.

Potatoes, hard squash, cabbage and cauliflower are the best buys in fresh vegetables this week. Peppers are in lighter supply and a little higher. Corn, peas and soft squash are in light supply. Celery is in moderate supply and lower. Lettuce is in light to moderate supply and selling at ceiling. Tomatoes are in moderate supply with a considerable range in price and quality. Onions, sweet potatoes and string beans are in moderate supply and selling at ceiling. Spinach, eggplant, cucumbers and bunched vegetables are in moderate supply.

MEAT

Beef - Supplies of steer and cow beef were a little more adequate. The quality of steer beef was largely Good with a little Choice. More liberal offerings of cow beef of Utility and Commercial grades were in evidence.

Lamb - Supplies of lamb were insufficient for day to day requests. The market was strong on all offerings available.

Pork - Very scant offerings were available.

POULTRY

Eggs - Top quality eggs continued firm. Receipts from local areas were irregular in volume, but supplies as a whole showed an upward trend. Cold storage eggs are being used in moderate supply.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Butter is in short supply as local production is down, and will probably continue so for the next two weeks. Some surplus Government butter is expected to be available by December 1, which should result in somewhat larger supplies for retail outlets.

Eggs - There has been a heavy pre-Thanksgiving demand for eggs. Production is down with a slow upward trend. Heavy demand has drawn on cold storage supplies with little relief from the Central West. Prices are at ceiling.

Poultry - Receipts of both turkey and chicken are heavy. Deliveries of chickens have been somewhat witheld because of heavy turkey deliveries for the Thanksgiving holiday. Receipts of live poultry have dropped as consumers have already made their purchases for the holiday.

MEAT

Beef - Meat trade was uneven in anticipation of the forth-coming Thanksgiving holiday. There is an assortment of all grades, Common to Good, with a limited supply of Choice grades.

Lamb - Quality of lamb ranged from Commercial to Good and a little Choice. The demand was up to the supply on a fully steady market.

Pork - Pork cuts were limited everywhere.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Small size oranges are the best buy in the fresh fruits this week. The ceiling on all citrus fruits has been removed and large size oranges advanced considerably. Grapefruit from Arizona and the Imperial Valley is in light supply and is selling at ceiling. Apples and grapes are in heavier supply and selling at ceiling. Avocados are slightly lower and are in moderate to heavy supply. Cranberries are in light supply and selling at ceiling. Pears are in moderate supply and selling at ceiling.

Cabbage, cauliflower and celery are the best buys of the fresh vegetables. Celery is somewht lower. Sweet potatoes are in moderate supply and higher due to a change in ceiling. Soft squash and artichokes are in light supply. Peppers are in light to moderate supply and higher. Bunched vegetables, hard squash, potatoes, and onions are in moderate supply. Tomatoes are higher with good quality rather scasre. Snap beans and lettuce are in light to moderate supply and selling at ceiling. Spinach is in moderate supply, but higher.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Supplies of butter were acutely short at most markets. Distribution was on a limited quota basis, and open market wholesale trading was practically non existant. Markets were extremely firm with supplies progressively shorter and demand intensified.

Eggs - The volume of egg sales by distributors continued to increase. Supplies of top grades were not increasing sufficiently to offset lack of storage stocks and reduction in Central West shipments.

Poultry - Receipts of live chickens and hens were curtailed due to most attention being given to turkeys. Retail outlets were well supplied with dressed young hens and large Toms, but medium sizes were scarce.

MEAT

Beef - Supplies of choice beef were very scarce, and much of the Good was barely in the grade limit, with sprinklings of Commercial. Slaughterers had difficulty this past week filling trade demands.

Lamb - Lamb orders were cut at the week-end as the supply was not up to the previous week. Due to general completion of range lamb marketings, all four grades were available.

Pork - Shipped style pork carcasses were very minor, but some larger plants had packer style hog carcasses in volume. A few larger plants moved a little more fresh pork. Smoked hams are more easily available then three months ago, but the bacon supply is subnormal.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Small size oranges, grapefruit and persimmons are the best buys in the fresh fruits this week. All of these fruits are lower in price and quite plentiful. Avocados are more plentiful at lower prices. Pears are in moderate supply. Grapes are in moderate supply, with best quality selling at ceiling. Cranberries are in light supply. There are only a few pomegranates and the quality is ordinary. Large size oranges are somewhat higher in price.

Cauliflower, celery, onions, potatoes and hard squash are this week's best buys in the fresh vegetables. Celery and cauliflower are quite a bit lower in price. Tomatoes are higher priced, with quality not too good. Moderate supplies of peas are selling at or near ceiling. Lettuce is lower priced, in moderate to fairly heavy supply. Mushrooms and soft squash are lower in price, while spinach is higher. Local peppers are nearly gone, some are coming in from Texas. Sweet potatoes are at ceiling. There is no change in broccoli, cabbage and bunched vegetables. Snap-beans and eggplants are in light supply, selling at ceiling.